

Greene Co. Master Gardeners
Zoom business meeting
July 14, 2020 @ 1:00 pm

President Dan Denham welcomed all participants to the Zoom meeting. This meeting was being recorded.

Robbie Nash made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/9/2020 MGV business meeting. Motion was seconded by Pam Carter. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly report through June 30, 2020

Checking account balance July 1	\$11,507
Projected revenue	\$8,380
Less obligated	(\$14,106)
Projected checking balance 12/31/20	\$5,772
Savings	\$2,060
CDs	\$5,179
Total cash	\$13,011

Obligated funds-breakdown (July 2020)

• Total membership & contributions	\$810
• Total fundraising	\$1,790
• Total volunteers & education	\$10,506
• Total administrative & operations	<u>\$1000</u>
• Total expenses	\$14,106

Budget timeline

- July 31-project managers submit revised 2020 and projected 2021 budget requests.
- Aug. 31-budget committee finalizes above requests
- Sept. 2-GCMGV board approves above requests
- Oct. 13-GCMGVs approve above requests

Skip is in need of two to four volunteers to help him on the budget committee. This work would be done in August and consist of one or two Zoom meetings. If interested, send an email to Skip, Kim or Trevor.

Old business

Bylaw changes recommended for clarity. Article VIII, Section 2, 4th paragraph add: "Election of new Board members will take place at the Annual membership meeting. (See Article IV, Section 1)"

Article V, Section 7, Operations Manual (Added):

"The Board shall develop and provide to the Membership an Operations Manual including processes and procedures necessary to conduct the day-to-day affairs of the Corporation."

The board will vote on these changes in August and the membership will vote in September.

Insect ID-Dan discussed the White-marked Tussock moth caterpillar. Of note- this caterpillar has urticating hairs (stinging hairs) and can cause irritation.

The fall plant sale has been cancelled for 2020 because of COVID 19. Dan has 60 red geraniums planted from seed by the participants of his seed starting continuing ed. presentation. Dan will conduct a no contact sale from his driveway. He will send out more information on VMS email tomorrow. Any funds collected will go to Skip, the MGV treasurer, to be put in the MGV bank account.

Dan demonstrated through pictures how to attempt to keep squirrels and chipmunks out of your container gardens by covering them with chicken wire.

New Business

Election of officers committee report by Jane Worth and Pam Carter. So far they have the following running for members at large.

- Arlon Zabel
- Sarah Preston
- Beverly Taylor
- Norma Landis

And for Vice-president--Jane Worth.

These names will be made official at the August meeting. Additional names may be placed in nomination at the August meeting. The election will be in October at the annual meeting. Jane needs bios from all the candidates. Jane will send out info to the candidates regarding bios.

Operation manual-Gary is continuing to work on the draft and plans to get it to the MGV in September, if possible. He reminded us that this is not a set of rules but a "how to" manual of procedures.

Upcoming MGV Zoom business meetings-times to be announced

- August 11
- September 8
- October 13 (annual meeting)

Dan reminded us to start our seeds for our fall gardens soon/now or purchase vegetable plants in garden centers from around August 1-15. The average frost date will be mid October with the first hard frost expected at the very end of October.

Coordinators report by Kim

Kim would like to thank all the MGVs for their understanding as we reopen our gardens. No more MGVs can be added as of 4:30 pm today. All MGVs must do the safety training Zoom meeting. Remember that all must fill out and send a health check to Kim one hour before going to your garden project. This is a PDF found on the VMS. If you have any issues filling out the form, contact Debby Haines and she will walk you through it. Her contact info is on the VMS.

We are asked to take pictures of anything of interest that we might come across, i.e. bugs, pests, disease, blooms, etc. Send to Kim from your phone in actual size from your photos.

Kim and Trevor are making unannounced site visits to assure that we are following the guidelines in place which are for our health and safety.

There will be a 2021 state conference executive committee meeting today. There is a need for volunteers to stuff envelopes. If interested, contact Kim.

As of now, our participation in the Greene Co. Fair will be via Zoom. We will not be manning a booth.

The 2020 MGV state conference will be September 10th and 11th. The conference will be virtual and there will be a fee. At this time, the conference will be from 9:00 -12:00 each day. Kim is a finalist for "coordinator of the year"!

Kim requests that we email her with our approx. hours in open projects. Kim will work with anyone who needs hours.

Open discussion

Schools are not included in our exemption at this time so we cannot go into school garden projects at this time. This restriction comes from legislation/governor's office.

Trevor just learned that the 2020 Farm Science Review has just been moved to a virtual format.

Adjourn

Jane Worth made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Debbie Downes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Lea Brown
Greene Co. MGV secretary